

Behavioral Health Board Minutes
San Luis Obispo County
September 17, 2014
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Annex Building, 2180 Johnson Ave
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Aurora William
David Riester
Clint Weirick
Tyler Brown
Joyce Heddleson
Jason Reed
Linda Connolly
Pam Crabaugh
Jim Salio
Marshall Hamilton
Jill Heuer

GUESTS:

Derek Bishop (TMHA)
Martin Meltz
Joe Madsen (TMHA)

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES ABSENT:

Cindy Marie Absey
Ian Parkinson
Loretta Butterfield
Robert Reyes
Vicky Shelby (for Sup. Mecham)
Frank Mecham
Karl Hansen
Jim Salio
Kelly Kenitz (for Sheriff Parkinson)
Theresa Scott

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Laura Zarate
Greg Vickery
Star Graber

1. Meeting was called to order @ 3:00 pm by David Riester.

2. Introductions and Announcements:

- Round-table introduction.
- Beautiful Minds Walk: Saturday October 4, 2014 at Laguna Lake Park, SLO. Registration 8:00am/Event 9:00am.
- TMHA Events:
 - Trunks of Treasure, October 5th.
 - Growing Grounds, October 16th
 - October Fest, October 18th
 - Suicide Prevention Forum, November 5th
- Community Counseling Centers Lyceum October 10th at noon. Lunch at Madonna Inn honoring Maryann Kennedy Executive Director of County Women Shelter.
- 50 NOW: Department of Social Services is partnering with TMHA, CAPSLO, 5-Cities Homes Coalition, ECO Shelter and Community Health Centers to work together to house the 50 most vulnerable people. 17 of 50 will hopefully be housed by March 31, 2015 and hoping to have 25-30 beds of housing secured in the community by the end of December 2014.
- Joe Madsen announced his replacement for Denise Rea as the Division Director for Housing and Support Services at TMHA.

3. Citizen Comments:

Martin Meltz: Invite Laurel Weir, County Housing Coordinator, to talk about Homeless Issues Funding. Funding will cover North, South and SLO. Board should know what's going on and how we find housing now that we have funding.

Clint Weirick: North County Connection is having a Vigil. Provide Scholarships to Graduating High School teenagers who have lived a Drug and Alcohol-Free life. Will be held Saturday September 20th.

4. **Action Item:** The minutes of the meeting of June 18th, 2014 were reviewed and approved
M/S/C: Hamilton/Connolly. Minutes from August 20, 2014 were reviewed and approved with two corrections. M/S/C: Heddleson/Hamilton.

5. Ongoing Business: Committee Reports:

Youth Committee: Jill Heuer reported that the committee met with Patty Ford who is the new Division Manager. Gave great overview of all services provided to children and their families. Talked about Intensive Outpatient / Day Treatment Programs. Services at Juvenile Hall and Therapeutic Learning Classes which are held at schools. Districts have contracts with Behavioral Health. Patty Ford also gave an overview of the Abused Children's Treatment Service (ACTS) – for abused children up to 18 yrs. old. Also talked about Katie-A services to foster children and the funding that supports this program.

6. New Business: None

7. Director's Report: None

8. Presentation: Dr. Star Graber – Drug Medi-Cal

Dr. Star Graber presented Behavioral Health Board with Information regarding Drug Medi-Cal, which covers:

- Methadone –maintenance and detox.
- Pregnant Women and Children: Intensive Outpatient and residential treatment.
- Residential treatment for all, not just pregnant women with kids.

Any Medi-Cal/CenCal Card-Holder needs to come through Drug and Alcohol Services (DAS) for substance use disorders. We're seeing high-functioning people, students, and high-end folks to homeless. We currently have a wait-list of 40 people waiting about 30 days. Those numbers decreased from 105 people on wait-list for 80 days. Drug and Alcohol Services has four certified facilities: Atascadero, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo and Grover Beach working at full capacity. The County Board of Supervisors approved seventeen new Adult positions including three outpatient Specialists, three Case Managers per Clinic, and three folks to help with Detox. We needed Quality Assurance help, Clerical and Supervisors. All positions have been filled except four. DAS got recent approval for nine satellites at Continuation Schools and High Schools, all under Frank Warren's supervision. Counselors may work 20 hours per week at their satellite. Our goal is to have no wait-list by January of 2015.

It is an incredible time of expansion and growth. Excited about the future.

9. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm

The next Behavioral Health Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 15, 2014, 3:00pm – 5:00pm in the Annex Conference Room, (the brick building behind the Health Campus.)

Laura Zarate